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Corps to hold public meeting on Draft Lake Sakakawea Surplus Water Report, Environmental Assessment in Bismarck, N.D.

Omaha, Neb. – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will hold a public meeting on Thursday, Jan. 6, at the Doublewood Inn, 1400 East Interchange Ave., in Bismarck, N.D. to collect recommendations, suggestions and comments regarding the draft Lake Sakakawea Surplus Water Report and Environmental Assessment (EA).

The meeting will run from 5 to 8 p.m. with an open house from 5 to 6 p.m. During the open house period, the public can submit written comments, view posters and speak one-on-one with Corps personnel regarding the draft report and assessment. The Corps will give a formal presentation from 6 to 6:30 p.m. and the final hour and a half (from 6:30 to 8 p.m.) will be reserved for public comments. A court reporter will document verbal comments for the record. Copies of the draft report and EA will be available for review.

BACKGROUND: The draft surplus water report proposes temporarily making up to 257,000 acre-feet of storage (100,000 acre-feet of yield) per year within the Garrison Dam / Lake Sakakawea Project, N.D. available for municipal and industrial water supply use. Temporarily making surplus water available will allow the Omaha District to enter into surplus water agreements for up to 257,000 acre-

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feet of storage for surplus water to meet regional water needs until a permanent reallocation study can be completed. The draft EA, attached to the report, identifies baseline environmental conditions and analyzes potential impacts from the proposed use of surplus water.

The draft Lake Sakakawea Surplus Water Report and EA are available for viewing at:

www.nwo.usace.army.mil/html/pd-p/review_plans.html and in hardcopy at libraries in Bismarck, Dickinson, Garrison, Riverdale, Williston, New Town, Beulah and Hazen, N.D. The public may submit comments via comment forms available at the public meeting and at libraries where the report is located. Written comments should be sent to: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Omaha District; CENWO-OD-T; ATTN: Lake Sakakawea Surplus Water Report and EA; 1616 Capitol Avenue; Omaha, NE 68102-4901. Comments can also be emailed to: garrisonsurplusstudy@usace.army.mil. Comments must be postmarked or received no later than Jan. 17, 2011.

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